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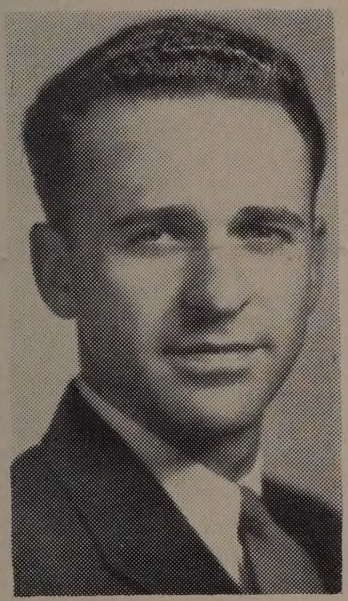
SAN JOSE STATE

Our churches have always felt a deep concern for the Christian life of young people while they are in college. For this reason, we are deeply interested in the pioneer effort at San Jose State College. There have been for a number of years a student YWCA, a student YMCA, and church groups for students centering around a Sunday evening program.

In October, these groups working together employed a full-time executive secretary to strengthen the religious life and program. The executive secretary, Rev. Robert L. James, Jr., is a Congregationalist, most recently from the University of New Hampshire, where he directed a similar project. He got his Bachelor Degree from Dartmouth. His theological training was received at Yale Divinity School. His wife was Mary-Frances Bacon, daughter of Professor Arthur A. Bacon of the American University in Beirut.



REV. ROBERT L. JAMES, JR.

The project at San Jose is of particular significance because it opens the door, if it is successful, to effective work in our state colleges and normal schools. In this united effort, the students are planning a week of Religious Emphasis after Easter when the church groups and the Student Christian Association will join in a campus-wide program. They are encouraging a program of intervisitation among the Sunday evening groups by which each group can get better acquainted with the activities of others and thereby strengthen their own. They are encouraging in a quiet, unobtrusive way the formation of cell groups for prayer and devoted consideration of the problems of Christian work.

The wide differences in attitude on religious questions among Protestants has made the efforts of this College Religious Conference center around the growth of understanding during these first few months, but as these differences are understood, the program can grow in strength and effectiveness among the eight Protestant denominations and the Student Christian Association that are cooperating. Our Conference is assisting in its financial support.

THE MARCH OF GAINS

The steady march of gains every year beginning 1936 was continued and accelerated in 1943. The increases which have been reflected through the year were continued up to the very closing of the books.

The following figures are for the gifts from the churches which cleared through the Conference treasury for regular budgeted apportionment only. They do not include remittances sent directly to the national Boards, nor do they include amounts for the Unit Plan, the Committee for War Victims and Services, or the Christmas Fund, but they do include money sent to the Conference office designated for particular purposes supported by the apportionment, and the undesignated money which is divided according to the percentages adopted by the Conference, namely, for Foreign Missions 22 per cent, for national Home Missions 21 per cent, for the Council for Social Action 3 per cent, for our own state Conference, including its home missionary and ministerial relief work, 54 per cent.

Here are the figures for the money going through our Conference treasury in 1943 and the objects to which it went:

For the American Board (Foreign Missions)	$ 9,372.82
(This is a gain for the year of $1,579.64.)	
For the Board of Home Missions, including the Council for Social Action	9,550.40
(This is a gain for the year of $1,004.13.)	
For our State Conference and State Home Missions, including Ministerial Relief	22,153.83
(This is a gain of $1,394.70.)	
Total for State, National, and Foreign Work	$41,077.05
(This is a gain of $3,978.47, or 10.72 per cent.)	

In the above figures are two very substantial totals, one coming from the Pilgrim Fellowship young people amounting to $528.81, and the other the very large Thank Offering or Plus Gift from the women of our Federation, totaling $2,649.70. The church-by-church list of Thank Offering gifts appears elsewhere in this issue.

As is always the case, there are a number of individuals and churches that send money directly to the national Boards, and, while final figures are not yet available, it now appears that the American Board received $1,701 and the Home Board $502 in that way. Furthermore, as will be noted in another column, the gifts from our German-speaking churches to the national Boards amounted to $3,431, which brings the grand total of budgeted apportionment giving from our churches up to $46,711, or about 11 per cent gain.

For the Congregational Christian Churches of the United States there was a gain of about $130,500, or about 9.3 per cent, so once more, as has been the case so many times, Northern California has gone ahead of the national average.

As previously noted, none of the above amounts include the sums given for the following funds. The Committee for War Victims and Services in 1943 received from the churches of the country more than $355,000, of which Northern California gave $9,065. The Unit Plan received from the entire country $148,369, of which Northern California gave more than $7,100. The Christmas Fund for aged ministers reached an all-time high of $88,659, and Northern California is credited with $1,984 toward that fund.

Thus the grand total which these denominational enterprises received from Northern California was almost $65,000. We know of debt reductions amounting to considerably more than $20,000, and reports from many of our churches show increased salaries, budgets underwritten, and substantial amounts in the treasuries.

These facts are all very encouraging and they point to the heavy responsibility of wise administration and of transmuting these material gifts into spiritual values and rich gains for the Kingdom of God. May the service of church people, more valuable than any amount of money, be increasingly dedicated to the cause of Christ.

TULE LAKE TRUTH

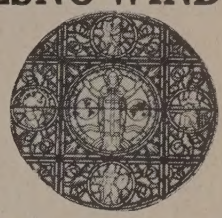
Although the largest part of the agitation concerning Tule Lake has subsided, it is not too late to be learning the truth about the situation. The truth seems to be substantially what the published reports of the War Relocation Authority said it was at the time of the incidents. We quote from the Army statement issued November 15 at the headquarters of Major General David McCoach, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command at Fort Douglas, Utah: "On November 4, 1943, at 9:50 p. m. (PWT), at the request of the Project Director of the War Relocation Center at Tule Lake, the troops normally stationed at the camp moved in and took over control of the Center. At this time **a small group** of evacuees was dispersed from the administrative area. Since the Army assumed control of the Tule Lake Center there have been **no disturbances . . . and no incidents** or signs of resistance or unrest have occurred. In the investigation by the Army which followed occupation, a few articles of contraband were discovered and confiscated. **No firearms or explosives** have been discovered. . . ." (Emphasis ours.)

When we compare this authoritative statement with the extravagant and almost hysterical statements of various individuals and groups freely circulated in the press, in particular certain nationally owned newspapers which give every evidence of carrying on a campaign of vilification against American residents of Japanese ancestry, we may draw our own conclusions as to the relative reliability of the WRA and the persons and groups which have been attacking it for many months. It is the opinion of this committee that the WRA is doing an exceedingly difficult task very well and is deserving of the confidence and support of all fair-minded citizens.—Rev. Donald F. Gaylord.

(Rev. Donald F. Gaylord has been asked by the Committee on Social Action to present matters of interracial interest to our churches and people.)

Chaplain Victor H. Morgan of the Navy Pre-Flight School at St. Mary's College, in reporting to his superior officers, told of 208 divine services with a combined attendance of more than 79,000 during the year.

FRESNO WINDOW



A beautiful stained-glass window, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Benson, has been installed and was dedicated on January 2. The central figure is of the Christ. The upper medallion represents music, and the lower one art. One of the side figures represents industry, and the other science, the theme of the whole being "Christ, Ruler Over All." The window will be lighted both from the inside and the outside, thus being an inspiration to passersby as well as to worshippers of our First Church.

PASTORS MEET

The Interdenominational Pastoral Conference will be held at Pacific School of Religion February 22 to 24. Rev. Hugh Vernon White of Boston, formerly pastor at Stockton, will give the Earl Lectures on the theme, "World Christianity After the War." Other special Earl Lecturers will be Roy Abram Burkhart of Columbus, Ohio, on "The Teaching Ministry," and Thaddeus Hoyt Ames, M.D., one of New York City's leading psychiatrists.

There will be special interest seminars on the Rural Church, Campus Christian Workers, Defense Community Workers, Weed-Day Religious Education, for Chaplains, for those interested in story telling to children, and for sermon preparation. Members of the faculty will also offer seminars: Prof. Buckham on "The Recovery of Joy"; Prof. Gallagher on "Race Relations"; Prof. McCown on "The Second Advent and the Present Distress in the Light of the New Testament"; Prof. Miller, "Trends in American Theology"; Prof. Muilenburg, "A Protestant Understanding of Scripture"; Prof. Stanley, "China and the Post-War World"; and Prof. Swift, "Church and Community."

Applications for lodging should be sent at once to the office of the School. Congregational pastors will meet together in their annual good fellowship luncheon at North Church, Berkeley, Wednesday, the 23rd.

HOORAY FOR US!

After inspecting the various projects for Service men and war workers in the San Francisco Bay area, including Marin City, Alameda, Richmond, Vallejo, Sacramento and San Francisco, Rev. Stanley U. North, Director of the War Emergency Work Department of our Board of Home Missions, wrote to Superintendent Gill as follows:

"As I have gone about the country, observing the work in different localities, it has seemed to me that the degree of interdenominational cooperation which the Superintendents' Council of Northern California has achieved has been outstanding. My personal belief is that the Protestants cannot adequately meet the crisis that is upon us except through a united front. In most areas, however, the rule is strictly denominational competition, and because of that fact in not a few cases no program at all has been set up to meet the serious needs."

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OUR RECORD

Here is the final church by church list of regular apportionment giving through the Conference treasury for the year 1943. It is a story that brings encouragement to the Conference and to the national Boards and must fill the members of the churches with a sense of satisfaction and triumph. With few exceptions there is an increase over the previous year, and we know that some of those who were unable to increase made an earnest effort and were faced with conditions beyond their control. It should be noted that the German-speaking churches did far better than these figures would indicate, as is revealed in a separate item in this issue. Special attention is called to the summary statement on page one. It should also be noted that the churches individually are not credited with the Thank Offering, which is included in the last item and an account of which appears elsewhere.

	1943	1942
Adin	$ 6.47	$ 23.12
Alameda	868.37	801.45
Alturas	89.54	46.75
Angels Camp	153.85	152.59
Antioch	99.21	61.68
Auburn	120.00	133.07
Benicia	70.11	50.00
Berkeley, Chinese	50.00	50.00
First	5,617.05	5,147.59
Kensington	49.05	20.00
North	742.11	659.95
Park	171.24	85.99
Callahan	15.20	.....
Campbell	375.00	355.00
Cedarville	100.00	100.00
Cloverdale	116.05	94.26
Cotati	74.62	104.65
Crockett	117.01	118.24
Dinuba	.88	.....
Elk Grove	5.44	.....
Etna	25.00	5.32
Eureka	531.00	444.22
Fairfax	70.00	60.00
Ferndale	505.96	472.33
Fowler	50.00	.....
Fresno, First	1,260.00	1,142.69
Free Cross	19.40	.....
Japanese	.....	35.00
Pilgrim	272.75	262.47
Zion	100.00	75.00
Glen Ellen	54.60	10.00
Grass Valley	25.00	25.00
Guerneville	25.00	20.00
Hayward	230.00	230.00
Kenwood	45.95	39.50
Likely	29.04	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	23.27	.....
First	2,164.03	1,393.76
Loleta	59.54	3.51
Loomis	247.55	82.94
Martinez	509.47	401.43
Murphys	81.00	83.00
Niles	50.00	50.00
Oakland, Bethany	50.00	50.00
First	5,470.00	5,400.00
Fruitvale	75.00	65.00
Japanese	.....	10.00
Pilgrim	60.00	49.47
Plymouth	1,163.22	1,000.04
Oroville	331.25	75.00
Pacific Grove	366.63	217.37
Palo Alto	1,405.00	1,285.45
Paradise	329.13	250.00
Parlier	10.00	15.00
Penngrove	53.82	57.40
Pescadero	.....	5.00
Petaluma	725.00	725.00
Pittsburg	193.15	181.39
Port Chicago	37.88	11.22
Porterville	510.00	370.00
Redwood City	1,014.03	1,000.00
Rio Vista	174.00	150.00
Ripon	232.45	201.00
Sacramento	1,012.53	980.20
Salida	135.00	85.00
San Carlos	130.23	113.34
San Francisco—		
Bethany Mission Park	379.70	307.43
Calvary	.....	30.00
Chinese	25.00	25.00
First	1,582.66	1,428.34
Ocean View	82.00	65.00
Richmond	176.00	125.00
Sanger	12.80	.....
San Jose	800.00	710.00
San Leandro	142.69	123.81
San Mateo	1,000.97	925.00
San Rafael	119.00	60.00
Santa Cruz	750.00	714.26
Santa Rosa	215.00	174.75
Saratoga	768.33	598.53
Sebastopol	280.31	259.65
Sonoma	142.75	121.02
Soquel	119.10	100.00
Stockton	720.27	718.30
Suisun	100.00	110.00
Sunnyvale	71.00	65.50
Sunol	25.00	25.00
Tulare	551.23	517.50
Weaverville	155.00	142.00
Woodside	90.75	90.00
Reno, Nevada	560.02	525.89
Miscellaneous, including Thank Offering and Individual Gifts	3,509.39	3,999.21
	$41,077.05	$37,098.58

The German-speaking churches of northern California have again scored a splendid gain in their benevolence giving. In addition to amounts raised for the Christmas Fund, for war victims and services, and for the Unit Plan, their giving through their own treasury amounted during 1943 to $6,673.47, as against $4,293.60 in 1942. Their gifts to the apportionment for the American Board amounted to $717.61, and to the Board of Home Missions, $2,713.22. In addition, substantial amounts were given for the support of their School of Theology at Yankton, for missionary work in South America, and for the expenses of the National German Conference. Furthermore, Elk Grove, Dinuba, Sanger, Lodi Ebenezer and Fresno Zion contributed through the Conference for the per capita tax, and the last two also sent additional sums for the work of the Conference.

The church-by-church list for their apportionment giving to the American and Home Boards is as follows:

Biola	$527.99
Dinuba	298.35
Elk Grove	234.60
Fresno, Free Cross	940.09
Fresno, Zion	461.59
Lodi, Ebenezer	680.89
Sanger	120.36
Miscellaneous	166.96
	$3,430.83

Council For Social Action Elects Director

The Council for Social Action is introducing to our fellowship a new director, Rev. Ray Gibbons, formerly minister of the First Church in Northhampton, Mass. Mr. Gibbons was born in Cleveland, and is a graduate of Oberlin and Union Theological Seminary. He served as student assistant to Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, and for a period was with the American Board in Turkey. One of his first accomplishments was the securing of Professor Liston Pope as editor of the Council's influential magazine, "Social Action."

SAN MATEO. Fourteen members of this church have been visiting and rendering services to the Japanese patients in the Community Hospital during the past year. The church school has added 50 new pupils in the last four months. A special event during the month, known as "Opening a New Chapter," took place at a pot-luck supper. Signers of the note who in 1931 took upon themselves the responsibility of underwriting the $10,000 loan to complete the Sanctuary, which note is now paid off, were introduced and given opportunity to offer suggestions for a "new chapter" in the history of the church. As a fitting climax, Dr. and Mrs. Prescott Thompson, the first missionaries from the church, were introduced as a symbol of our fellowship in "helping hands across the sea." Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

WAR RELIEF FUND

By VERE V. LOPER

The time has arrived when the Congregational Churches of Northern California should make their definite plans to secure pledges for the work of the Committee for War Victims and Services. Some of our churches projected their program in connection with the Christmas season. More of the churches have been in the habit of making an appeal at the beginning of Lent for their people to pledge for this most important part of the work of our denomination.

The ministers are urged to send to the Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City, for leaflets, pledge cards, and offering envelopes if they have not already done so. (The Conference office in San Francisco has a limited supply of this material.) The laymen of our churches are urged to encourage and to assist their ministers in the projecting of this program.

The National Committee is still making the basic request for sacrificial giving which results in 10 per cent of our people giving 25 cents per week for one year. It means that each church is expected to give $130 for every one hundred members. Does anyone doubt that any church which really sets itself to this task could fail to achieve it?

Increasing amounts of this national money are being spent in the military and industrial sections of northern California to meet the overwhelming needs which have come with the large concentration of both troops and war workers among us. The Fund is giving power to our chaplains, food to hungry people around the world, assistance to swamped missionary situations at home and abroad, and invaluable social services to refugees and the homeless throughout the world. Where moneys are specifically designated for the purpose, it is giving needed service to Christian Conscientious Objectors from our own churches, who must not be neglected, particularly by those, who like myself, do not share their point of view.

I have been most fortunate in securing the assistance of Miss Miriam Converse in this work. She is a most competent student, writer, and speaker with wide and successful experience as an educational executive at most important posts. She will keep thoroughly conversant with all phases of this work. Her articles will appear regularly in The Pacific. At least for the present she will answer requests to speak before Women's Groups and other church gatherings. Her presentations will be worthy of the finest groups in our greatest churches into which she should be invited. She will not hesitate, however, to go to the smaller churches to the extent that her time permits. Make your appointments by writing to Miss Miriam Converse, 2637 Durant Avenue, Berkeley 4. Of course, no fee will be charged for her addresses, but it will be necessary for churches to cover any travel expense involved in her appointments.

(Rev. Vere V. Loper, at the request of the Committee on Social Action, has agreed to serve in presenting the work of the Commission on Assistance to War Victims and Services to our churches.)

OROVILLE. At the well attended annual meeting reports of special interest included: extensive repairs and beautification of the church property; a very successful fall planning conference and retreat at the Drobish ranch in September; Christmas pageant which was attended by two large audiences; a handsome balance in the treasury and the raising of the budget for 1944; the reception of 38 new members during the year, and the tripling of the missionary giving. The most hopeful evidence of progress is revealed in the activities of a new and strong board of deacons. Rev. Frank E. Carlson is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. One of the high points in the life of this church since the coming of Rev. Ralph V. Conard was the "bang-up" dinner in January when receipt of three special gifts was announced. Mr. Conard reports that the women outdid themselves in preparing and serving the dinner, and those who participated in the program made it a splendid occasion. Rev. James Muilenburg was the inspiring speaker. The three gifts were monetary, one, the Higgins Trust being given as a memorial to the late James Higgins, Sr., and to Mrs. James Higgins, Jr. The second was from the estate of the very much beloved "Mother" Whitman, and the third was given anonymously. Income from the last two will be devoted to benevolences.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The last Sunday of January was the occasion of a "silver tea" given by the Pilgrim Fellowship young people in honor of their parents and members of Plymouth Church, with the two-fold purpose of affording an opportunity for youth and adults to get better acquainted and to raise money for the reconditioning of the recreational room. Miss Alice Sanderson, new Director of Religious Education, has been appointed a member of the Conference Committee on Christian Education. Rev. Robert Inglis is the pastor.

WEAVERVILLE. A spirit of willingness to work was prominent at the annual meeting, with young people assuming responsibilities and being elected to official positions. Ten persons were received into church membership, six of whom are active in the Pilgrim Fellowship. Still others will unite in February. Through a food sale, the young people cleared sufficient funds to pay their pledges for projects and Pilgrim Fellowship cabinet. Rev. P. N. Bennett is pastor.

SALIDA. This church is proud of its record in last year's giving to the apportionment sending in three-fifths again as much as the expected goal. In spite of much illness in the community, the annual meeting was attended by a full quorum and reports were in excellent shape. The pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, says that the Christmas season was a very happy one, the two church programs being of a very high order.

SAN CARLOS. A five-page mimeographed report was presented at the sixteenth annual meeting of the church, and gave in brief form statements from each department of the church. Fifty-eight members were received in 1943, bringing total membership to 201. The pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, and his wife, have been on vacation for the month of January, and Mr. Frederick Hanover of Pacific School of Religion has supplied the pulpit.

REEDLEY, FINNISH. For the first time in many years this church now has a resident pastor, Rev. Olli H. Jokisaari. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jokisaari trained for the mission field but because of war conditions could not go as representatives of their Mission Board in Finland. Their last parish was at Winlock, Washington.

HAYWARD. At the annual meeting of the church, the salary of the pastor, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, was increased, and provision made for a lifting of giving to the apportionment and the work of the Congregational Committee on War Services.

SAN JOSE. The Men's Club, which meets from month to month in the homes of various members, has printed and distributed an interesting program for the first six months of this year. Rev. S. C. Peabody is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, FIRST. Statistically speaking, the year 1943 was outstanding, including contributions of more than $2300 for various benevolences, including apportionment, Thank Offering, Unit Plan, and War Victims and Services. A balance of nearly $900 owed on the parsonage was paid, clearing the church of all indebtedness, besides very substantial building improvements. The average attendance at morning service for the year was 187. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, was banquet speaker for the chaplains of the Fourth Fighter Command and their assistants.

On Saturday evening, January 22, Mr. Gregg was assaulted outside his study by a man in soldier's uniform. Mr. Gregg was knocked off the porch by a sudden blow to his right eye, but jumped to his feet when the assailant stooped as though to take the contents of Mr. Gregg's pockets, whereupon the attacker fled and has not been apprehended. Mr. Gregg suffered the fracture of his wrist and has been forbidden by his doctor to do any active work for a period of some weeks.

PITTSBURG. Members of this church minister in every possible way to strangers who crowd the city. Open house for soldiers has been held every Friday night, with young people in charge of recreation, and refreshments furnished by the women of the Auxiliary circles. The women also are keeping up a day room in one of the camps, and helped with the Christmas parties at the hospital. Weekly luncheons for the various service clubs of the city have been served. Property repairs have been kept up, including extensive plumbing and some remodeling in the parsonage. All treasuries show a substantial balance, and at the annual meeting it was voted to purchase the lot adjoining the church for future expansion. Rev. E. W. Benedict is minister.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Annual meeting revealed that 160 new members had been received in 1943. Plans are now under way "to proceed with work of completing the Church plant and raising the money for the same." In January the evening radio service presented the San Francisco Municipal Chorus in "The Messiah," and as speakers, Rev. David Stowe, Col. George A. Skinner, and Rev. Charles Stanley. Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, was the main speaker at the annual meeting of the Women's Federation.

GLEN ELLEN. Carols were sung before daylight Christmas morning by young married people and others led by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, who has done this for seventeen Christmases. A score of homes of aged and other faithful church folk were visited, ending with an invitation into a home for hot chocolate and waffles. A large heater was installed in the church, and an envelope system of giving was started the first of the new year.

CROCKETT. The annual meeting of the church revealed a successful year closed with congregational expenses provided for and benevolences amounting to over $400 divided equally between the participating denominations. Eight new members have been received in the Congregational branch of the church. Rev. Rudolph Caughey is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. A considerable sum of money has been contributed toward the building of a new social house when the war is over and materials and labor are available. A newly formed building committee, with Mr. George B. Martin as chairman, is at work on plans. Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor of the church.

SOQUEL. The third project marking the 75th anniversary of the church was brought to completion on December 26 by the dedication of a children's chapel. This was made possible by the oversubscription of the anniversary fund and the generosity of some of the laymen of the church who donated labor in building. The chapel was attained by building on to a rectangular room at the back of the church auditorium. The addition is raised above the main floor and has a high raftered ceiling. It accommodates an altar built to scale for children, on which is a triptych and candles. Back of the altar hangs a drape on hinged rods so it can be opened to make possible the use of the wall for the projection of pictures. To the side an organ is recessed into the wall. The chapel will be used for the worship service of pre-school and beginners departments and will accommodate about forty children. Rev. T. Davis Preston is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Illness with influenza interrupted Rev. John G. Dickey's work during January, but he is improved and in the harness again. His reports at the annual meetings of the two churches showed real progress. During his pastorate, the Murphys church has grown from 12 to 33, and he has received as many at Angels Camp as were on the list when he took up his work. Finances of both churches are in good shape. Besides preaching regularly in both churches, he has conducted 22 services in White Pines, and has given a total of about 200 sermons and addresses during the year.

CAMPBELL. Outstanding among the reports at the annual meeting was that more than $600 had gone for benevolences of various kinds, of which $360 was raised by penny boxes. A three-year building plan was adopted covering extension of Sunday School rooms and social hall. The Plymouth Youth Forum had as speakers for two meetings in January Chaplain Richard Barnes of Moffett Field and Rudolph Holsti, former Finnish minister to the United States. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. The annual meeting, which was held following a covered-dish supper, revealed unusually good reports from every department. Mr. Ernest Otto was re-elected Clerk for the 52nd consecutive year. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, reported more than 2500 calls during the year. The honor roll shows 72 members of the church in the country's Service, and an additional 97 who are not actually members but are connected with the church.

TULARE. "One of the best discussion programs that has come to my attention" was the comment of a college dean on the outlines of the six evening discussions on post-war planning, which were distributed by Rev. Arthur L. Rice, the pastor. Another six weeks' series will be held in the spring. The church served dinner without cost to 75 Pilgrim Fellowship young people at the conference and rally on January 30.

SAN RAFAEL. New colored glass windows have been installed in the auditorium. Rev. Elwood B. Hunter, former pastor, was the speaker at a recent Sunday evening service. A fine watch-night service was held. Rev. Willard W. Turner is the pastor.

SUISUN. Young people's group has been formed, and is in full swing with a complete program of activities. The choir, now numbering 15, wore new robes for the first time on Christmas Sunday. Rev. Melvyn Pratt is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Great progress was made during 1943 in debt reduction. The amount owing to the Building Society is only $1000 and to the Conference a like amount. Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, was named by the San Leandro Junior Chamber of Commerce as San Leandro's leading citizen in 1943. Among the factors leading to this citation over and above his normal duties as a citizen and pastor were his membership on the Draft Board, work with the Red Cross, principally with the Blood Bank, service as chairman of the Kiwanis Club Sunshine School Committee, and his leadership in the Broadmoor Men's Club, of which he has been a director for years. While many candidates for the honor were discussed by the committee on awards, the decision was unanimous and presentation of the certificate was made at a dinner under the direction of the Chamber.

SACRAMENTO. At the annual meeting 138 new members were reported for the year, bringing the total to 1119; 128 young men and women are in the Services. Mrs. A. C. Sullivan, who has long been the faithful and effective promoter of the Cradle Roll, now has 240 babies on her list. The committee is working out plans for a new arrangement of the chancel. The new officers were installed on January 23, and on the same day those who had united during the previous year were honored. The church and its pastor, Rev. Torrance Phelps, were hosts to the area Mid-winter Conference of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. Seven new members were added during 1943. Because of a widely scattered parish, attendance in all departments has felt the effects of the war more keenly in the past year. With practically all the young men in the nation's Service, Christian Endeavor has been discontinued for the duration. The pastor, Rev. M. M. Aijian, preaches in Armenian and English every Sunday but one in the month, and that exception is devoted to a service in English only.

PORTERVILLE. A 25 per cent increase in the support of the church has been pledged for the coming year and the apportionment goal raised by 50 per cent. Fourteen new members were received in December. New stage curtains for the social hall have been presented by the Plymouth Circle. Fifteen delegates were in attendance at the Tulare Pilgrim Fellowship conference. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. Under the leadership of Messrs. Roy Nichols and R. K. Winters, this new group is now in process of formally adopting a church constitution. In the last month or two a training class for teachers has been meeting, and the social action committee has initiated a study group to consider cooperatives. Rev. Buell Gallagher was guest preacher on February 6.

RENO, NEVADA. Dr. Kurt Bergel of Stanford University, the biographer of Albert Schweitzer, was guest speaker on January 9. On January 23 Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Saratoga was preacher. He also addressed the youth of the church at a special dinner meeting. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

SARATOGA. After the January PACIFIC went to press we learned that Saratoga should be listed with the churches which completely wiped out their debt during 1943. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

STOCKTON. Through the foresight and generosity of one of the members of the church, special advertising is being done of a Sunday evening "Book Hour" under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed. Reports of the annual meeting showed a healthy condition in all departments of the church, but in common with many places, a shortage of volunteer help due to the demands which the war effort is making on the time of our people. A missionary goal of $900 was voted. The salary of the minister was increased, and the church is looking forward to wiping out its indebtedness and landscaping the lot in front of the building. The pastor is chairman of the Stockton Inter-racial Council recently organized, representing all minority groups of the city. A challenge is issued to other churches to equal Stockton's record in having all trustees, deacons and the treasurer as subscribers to ADVANCE.

PETALUMA. The 90th anniversary of this church was observed on January 23, with a roll call of members. More than 100 people were present, and about 90 answered to the roll call. Each member was presented with a certificate of membership in the form of a Handbook for Members. The pastor, Rev. Edward F. Ouellette, preached on the same text which was used at the organization service in 1854. Rearrangement of the sanctuary for an experimental period of two months, making the whole appearance more worshipful, has already drawn appreciative comment from worshippers. A "silver tea" at the manse on Anniversary Sunday was well attended.

REDWOOD CITY. The annual meeting of the church produced some excellent reports and revealed a satisfactory financial basis with some new officers reflecting new membership. An ambitious program of war service, both in the community and with special attention to members in the Services, has been planned. Troop 120 of the Boy Scouts has produced its first Eagle Scout. Rev. Charles E. Ward, pastor, is giving a series of pre-Lenten sermons on "Great Figures of the Old Testament."

RIO VISTA. The annual meeting showed that several thousand dollars had been given through the year toward remodeling and repairing the church buildings. Nineteen new members were received. There was a comfortable balance in the treasury. Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton was the special speaker of the evening. Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor, has completed the Red Cross course in first aid.

ANTIOCH. The pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, writes that 83 persons were in attendance at the annual meeting and dinner. All bills were reported paid and a good margin in every treasury. Of the $3340 pledged for the year all but $7 was collected, about one-third of one per cent, "an item for 'Believe it or not'." Seven persons were received into the church at the January communion service.

ELK GROVE, GERMAN. Shortage of gasoline is a problem for the Rev. John F. Reister in doing his parish work and for the people, who for the most part live in the country. The Missions Festival was a great success, bringing in a total of about $500.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The February meeting will be held at the usual place on Thursday, the 17th. Special reports will be given by Mrs. Scott Haymond, President, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill, both of whom were in attendance at the Mid-winter Meetings at Cleveland. They will bring reports of splendid progress throughout our entire fellowship.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

In happy contrast to a year ago, the weather for our Annual Meeting this year was everything that could have been asked. In spite, too, of war-time handicaps and of the necessary absence of some of those usually most faithful in attendance, we had around 175 present to share in the excellent lunch prepared by the ladies of the Broadmoor Church.

In the morning, Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading List Chairman, directed a forum of our various Secretaries, comparing them to the spokes of the wheel on which the work of the Federation moves. One by one they brought us news of successes or difficulties, or suggested ways in which we could work. Some of these points follow:

Mrs. Chester Marliave, of the Speakers' Bureau, said that it was being increasingly difficult to obtain speakers, and asked that any one who knew of a good speaker would let her know. Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Prayer Guild Secretary, urged us to work out our own devotional services, and suggested greater use of that storehouse of devotion, the Bible. Mrs. Chester Gossett, Social Welfare Secretary, refreshingly reported that practically all the quotas had been filled for the home field, amounting to an equivalent of $1348.64. Foreign Field quotas have been unobtainable this year owing to the war, but a total of $108.70 was sent in money. Mrs. W. H. Davis, Thank Offering Secretary, had the joy of reporting the largest sum ever raised in our Federation for that purpose—$2,649.70. This is to be divided, as you remember, among four fields: the Children's Project of Grace United Church, San Francisco; the Arlington Community Church in the Kensington District, youngest in the family of our Congregational churches in Northern California; the hospital at Grant's, New Mexico, when difficulties there are composed; and the Means School for Girls at Dondi, West Africa. Mrs. Davis told us that 41 out of 55 churches gave more this year than last, which is more significant than the actual sum raised. Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary, told of the movement for a uniform central administration of our missionary work. Unfortunately at the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Council (Interdenominational) enough opposition to the plan developed to make it impossible to act this year. Mrs. Evans reported a letter from Dr. Lorbeer from India, telling of the growing interest in education on the part of the women. She said that Dr. Alma Locke Cooke will not be returning to China for another six months; that the Elmer Galts are ready to start as soon as transportation can be arranged.

A card of especial interest to Bay Area residents was read from Miss Edith Parsons, now in Izmir, Turkey. She reports that more girls are applying for admission to the College than can be accommodated in the buildings or served by the greatly reduced staff of teachers. Living expenses there, as elsewhere, have soared to astronomical heights. In concluding the interesting forum, Mrs. Greisinger urged us to consult the list of Secretaries and bring our problems to them for help.

The report of the Nominating Committee for 1944 was read by Mrs. L. K. Doty, the chairman, and the officers were elected and installed. The list follows these news notes. Mrs. Scott Haymond, who, fortunately for the Federation, continues to serve us, gave the President's message, summing up the gains and losses for the past year, and deciding that the gains overbalanced the losses.

At the lunch table we were addressed by Mr. Roy Nichols, pastor and director of the South Berkeley Community Church, an inter-racial venture which, as he pointed out, is the first of the kind in the country. There have been one or two inter-racial church organizations, but along quite different lines: in one the church was composed of people who came together once a month for services, but had no other contact with each other. Our Berkeley church is carrying on a full-time service of community inter-racial work, and is meeting the challenge of making its Christian professions live in fact. The church is at the corner of Fairview and Ellis streets, and an attendance at the Sunday morning service would be helpful to anyone.

Reports from our Association Presidents opened the afternoon session. They were full of hope, work and enthusiasm—furnishing or beautifying churches or parsonages, helping to pay off church debts, serving in Red Cross and canteens, in hospitals and recreation rooms for our soldiers, not forgetting the missionary work which is cared for only by our church women. Redwood Empire put in a plea. Said Mrs. S. S. Focht: "Many of our women are not able to attend the Federation meetings or those of the State Conference. We need speakers—missionary speakers or others. We wish Federation officers could visit us. We need help."

Dr. Vere Loper addressed us on the "International Front of Christianity." He spoke of that front under three aspects: (A) We must implement service to human need. Christian Missions have created reservoirs of goodwill which have overbalanced some stupid statesmanship. We must keep our missionary effort strong and fine. (B) As Christians we must insist that the Government abandon isolationism and take part in international cooperation. Peace treaties will be no more perfect than earlier ones were, but "do not junk our only hope." (C) We must have concern with the basic philosophy. Only on the basis of Christian philosophy can anything of permanent value be built.

A beautiful worship service, led by Rev. Holland Burr, closed a rewarding day.

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THE THANK OFFERING

Again, as always, the women of our churches through the Federation Thank Offering not only met their goals but exceeded them by nearly $650, thus showing something of their love and devotion to the cause of Christ and the extension of His kingdom. Goals totaling $2000 were adopted at the beginning of the year: $500 for the nurse at Grants Hospital, New Mexico; $500 for Means School in West Africa; $700 for the new project in Kensington, and $300 for children's work in the Mission District of San Francisco. With the larger amount the goals were all met and more by sending 25 per cent to the American Board, 25 per cent to the Home Board, and 50 per cent for the Conference. Since the Thank Offering is not credited to the local church in the church-by-church report of benevolence giving, but is included in the total figure only, the following shows the list of churches participating and the amounts given in 1943, with 1942 figures for comparative purposes. Great credit is due to the President, Mrs. Scott Haymond, to the Thank Offering Secretary, Mrs. William Hawley Davis, and to all the officers and Association Presidents, and more important still, to the rank and file of the women who gave.

	1942	1943
Alameda	$ 66.70	$ 66.84
Angels Camp	11.79	13.15
Antioch	34.35	54.02
Auburn	4.00	9.98
Benicia	52.51	42.77
Berkeley, First	124.64	177.88
North	50.23	38.92
Campbell	14.00	16.00
Cloverdale	8.75	10.50
Cotati	21.00	23.50
Eureka	62.70	72.00
Ferndale	13.75	13.10
Fresno, First	55.05	105.66
Hayward	30.00	30.00
Lodi, First	64.26	76.00
Loomis	15.58	21.11
Martinez	25.00	49.11
Murphy	5.00	5.00
Oakland, Bethany		10.00
First	262.99	356.21
Fruitvale	22.96	25.00
Pilgrim	13.76	
Plymouth	60.32	80.53
Oroville	21.00	35.00
Pacific Grove	50.00	55.00
Palo Alto	171.05	171.95
Paradise	21.39	30.06
Penngrove	13.00	11.22
Petaluma	47.50	47.83
Pittsburg	26.61	20.97
Porterville	15.08	25.00
Redwood City	29.45	43.00
Rio Vista	28.03	31.86
Ripon	41.50	32.11
Sacramento	26.11	38.40
San Carlos	12.45	14.71
Salida	6.00	25.00
San Francisco—		
Calvary Armenian	4.11	5.00
Grace United	38.03	40.26
First	141.45	213.36
San Jose	50.00	72.00
San Leandro	35.00	36.75
San Mateo	90.00	100.00
Santa Cruz	44.11	65.67
Santa Rosa	5.00	5.00
Saratoga	34.06	55.60
Sebastopol	6.66	20.00
Sonoma	15.00	16.30
Stockton	30.31	50.00
Sunnyvale	5.15	5.00
Tulare	33.25	34.00
Weaverville	11.30	25.25
Woodside	21.11	26.12
Individual	1.00	
	$ 2,094.05	$ 2,649.70

AMERICAN BOARD YEAR BOOK

The American Board Year Book for the current year is now available, and may be secured from Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, at 35 cents per copy, plus one cent tax. This book contains many interesting features, including a calendar of prayer and biographical sketches of our missionaries, as well as word of their present locations.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. Attendance at morning worship steadily improves, reaching a high on one Sunday in January of 72. Five new members are being received. The newly formed Pilgrim Fellowship conducted morning worship service on January 30. Rev. Byron Eshelman is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. This church is rejoicing in a new forward step—the securing of Mr. Joel A. Anderson as Minister of Music. The pastor, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, was recently elected Moderator of the Bay Association.

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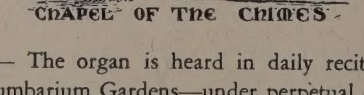

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